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His Maieſties Speech at Leiceſter,

to the Gentlemen, Free-holders, and Inhabitants of that County. July 20.

GENTLEMEN,

SInce I have found my preſence ſo very acceptable amongſt my good Subjects in theſe Northern parts, and that the Errors and Miſtakes amongſt them, have wholly proceeded from miſ-information, and are removed with more ſatisfaction, and eaſe to them then they were received; I hold it a piece of my duty, to take the utmoſt pains I can, fully to inform and undeceive my People; and rather to prevent Crimes, then to puniſh them: In this Errand I am come to you, amongſt whom there hath not beene the leaſt miſunderſtanding, to ſhew you, That I doe not ſuſpect any malice in the Place, or in the People, though perſons of as ill diſpoſitions have been buſie in it, and amongſt you, as in any County in *England*, & ſuch who have taken as great pains to do miſchief, and to bring Confuſion as good men ſhould for peace & happines: Though tis as true, that very many worthier perſons amõgſt you have appeared of contrary affections, which I ſhal always acknowledge: I am come to you in a time too, when nothing could invite me to ſuch a Iourney, but my Affection to, and good eſteeme of you; having ſent ſuch Propoſitions for Peace and Accommodation to my two Houſes of Parliament, that I hope to have no other uſe of your affections, but in your Prayers; being ſure they will ſubmit to them with allacrity, if the unexcuſable Enemies to the Peace of the Kingdome be not ſtrong enough to prevaile: And then you will finde your ſelves ſo much concerned (for I have required nothing that with more Iuſtice can be denied me (if it be duly weighed) then my Crowne, or my Life may be taken from me) that I ſhall not need to aske your aſſiſtance: I know you will bring Horſe, Men, Money, and Hearts worthy ſuch a Cauſe. Your Religion, your Liberties, your Lawes (which I will defend with my life, I meane the good knowne Lawes of the Land, not Ordinances without my conſent, which till within theſe twelve Moneths was never heard of from the Foundation of this Kingdom) will be the Quarrell: And in ſuch a Cauſe, the taking away my Townes, Ships, Armes, and Money from me, ſhall not diſhearten me: The Concurrence and Affection of my People with Gods bleſſing will ſupply and recover all.

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